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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT : Coordination Staff Report Regarding the Committee Structure of the USIB**

**REFERENCE: USIB-D-27.1/18, dated 31 May 1962**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation concerning your position on this matter at the USIB meeting on 27 June 1962. The recommendation is contained in Paragraph 5 below.

2. The reference report recommends the disestablishment of a number of USIB committees. These recommendations have caused a considerable amount of concern among a number of responsible members of the Intelligence Community at the working level who are very much aware that most of the activities conducted by the various USIB committees must continue with full interdepartmental cooperation in some form or other. The USIB committee structure has worked well in general and has given the various activities sufficient prestige and high level attention to insure adequate cooperation and participation by the various agencies. It would be most unfortunate if an effort to reduce burdensome detail on the USIB agenda would result in the disestablishment or reduction

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in effectiveness of smoothly running groups engaged in important business on behalf of the Intelligence Community. I believe that the Secretary of the USIB could work out with the various committees simplified procedures for reporting and for the conduct of other routine business which would avoid bringing unnecessary detail to the attention of the Board. This would accomplish the main objective of the Coordination Staff's report. I believe, however, that apart from such streamlining, committees engaged in useful work on behalf of the Intelligence Community should be allowed to continue to operate with the status of USIB committees.

3. I agree that the following committees have either completed their main job or have found no continued useful role and might well be disestablished in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Coordination Staff's report:

Critical Communications  
Emergency Planning Steering  
Cuban Military Buildup

4. With regard to the Committee on International Communism, I agree that this Committee has been relatively inactive and should be abolished. On the other hand, international communism is directly involved in the entire problem of insurgency and a wide

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variety of other problems affecting United States national policy. The study of international communism should not be considered as a purely political matter. Furthermore, CIA is the main agency in the government with files and personnel specially organized to handle this problem. I recommend, therefore, that this problem be retained as a responsibility of CIA.

5. I recommend that you approve the dissolution of only those committees listed in Paragraphs 3 and 4 above and that you direct the Secretary of the USIB to work out simplified procedures for the conduct of committee business that will prevent clogging the USIB agenda with burdensome detail. I also recommend that you approve the recommendations for the reorientation of existing committees such as the Critical Collection Problems Committee.

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